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(57) Abstract A method of screening a subject for a proliferative disease risk factor comprises detecting the presence or absence of upregulation of the <i>CLN3</i> gene in the subject. The upregulation of the <i>CLN3</i> gene in the subject indicates the subject is at increased risk of developing a proliferative disease. Methods of screening compounds for the treatment of proliferative diseases based on the <i>CLN3</i> gene and its product are also disclosed, along with methods of treating such diseases and vectors useful therefore.		